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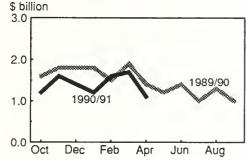
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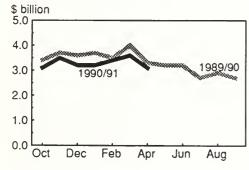
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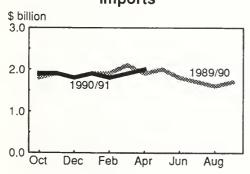




#### **Exports**



### **Imports**



April Trade Surplus Falls -- April's agricultural trade surplus fell \$602 million to \$1.1 billion, the lowest since last September, as exports declined and imports rose. Since 1989, the April trade surplus has been showing a significant decline from the previous month. In each instance, this was primarily a result of lower exports during the month. The cumulative trade surplus for October 1990 to April 1991 was \$9.8 billion, 17 percent lower than last year at this time (table 3).

Agricultural Exports Down In April -- U.S. agricultural exports declined 14 percent in April to \$3.1 billion, \$490 million below March. Decreased values of corn, wheat, soybeans, cotton, live animals, meat products, fruit and vegetables, and rice shipments were responsible for the decline. Tobacco was the only major commodity to increase. Cumulative October to April exports totaled \$23.2 billion, an 8-percent decline from this period last year.

Wheat exports fell \$45 million to \$242 million and shipments fell 646,000 tons to 2.4 million tons. While the value of wheat exports fell 32 percent from last April, volume rose 5 percent. The decline in value was due to lower wheat prices in 1991. About 26 percent of the wheat was exported to the Soviet Union. China, Japan, and Egypt also were large markets.

The value of *corn* shipments dropped 22 percent to \$411 million. Japan replaced the Soviet Union as the largest market, taking 1.2 million tons, 34 percent of the total. The Soviet Union imported 986,000 tons, down almost a million tons from March. Large shipments also went to Taiwan, Spain, Korea, and Mexico.

Soybean export value dropped 35 percent from March to \$263 million and volume dropped 36 percent to 1.2 million tons. However, this was only a 5-percent decline in value and a 3-percent decline in volume from April 1990. While shipments to the European Community fell 73 percent from March, the EC was still a major market along with Japan, Taiwan, Mexico, and the Soviet Union.

After increasing for 4 consecutive months, cotton export volume fell 89,000 tons in April to 154,000 tons. The value of cotton exports fell to \$255 million. Japan, Korea, China, the European Community, particularly Italy, and Indonesia were the major markets.

Imports Up in April -- U.S. agricultural imports totaled \$2.1 billion, up 6 percent from March. Cumulative imports for the October-April period reached \$13.5 billion, the same as 1431 year. Increases occurred for tobacco, wheat, rice, meat products, live animals, coffee, and cocoa. Fresh fruit imports also increased to make up for lost domestic production due to the California freeze this past winter. Sugar was the only major import commodity to decrease. (Susan Pollack, 202-219-0822),

\$37 Billion -- FY 1991 exports are forecast at \$37 billion, down 3.1 billion from the last fiscal year. The decrease is largely due to weakening prices and the decline in the U.S. share of world trade. The value of U.S. grain exports is expected to decline by \$3.6 billion. However, exports of high-value products are forecast to continue rising (see table 4).

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Commodity and unit	Thousar	d units	Thousand	dollars	Tho	usand	units	Thousar	nd dollars
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	199	0	1991	1990	1991
Total agricultural imports (NA) Noncompetitive ag imports (NA) Bananas & plantains (MT) Coffee, incl prods (MT) Cocoa & prods (MT) Tea (MT) Spices (MT) Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT) Silk - raw (MT) Wool, unmfg - carpet (MT) Fibers, excl cotton (MT) Essential oils (MT) Drugs - crude natural (MT) Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	1,859 846 398 54 61 490 0 9 55 27	1,931 723 387 57 65 496 0 51 111	13,490,857 3,329,568 534,073 1,278,322 569,582 92,302 136,489 7,902 27,792 24,636 86,777 152,300	3,322,161 557,208 1,196,316 609,180 87,499 152,229 417,465 3,140 13,514 24,630 92,211 168,270		286 110 78 8 8 63 0 1 7 145	 297 107 74 11 10 93 0 1	7 170,488 99,225 14,659 19,016 52,900 1,352 4,450 3,213 2 15,552 22,146	2,073,817 542,616 86,411 186,106 105,246 15,730 23,027 79,199 516 1,867 3,788 13,787 26,937
Other noncompetitive imports (NA) Competitive ag imports (NA) Animals & prods (NA) Animals - live, ex poultry (NO) Cattle (NO) Horses & mules (NO) Swine (NO) Sheep, live (NO) Meats & prods, ex poultry (MI) Beef & veal (MT) Beef & veal - fr or froz (MI) Pork ex - fr or froz (MI) Pork - fr or froz (MI) Pork - prep or pres (MI) Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MI) Other meats - fr or froz (MI) Other meats - fr or froz (MI) Poultry and prods (NA) Poultry meat (MI) Eggs (NA) Feathers & down - crude (MI) Dairy products (NA) Milk & cream, fr or dried (MI) Butter & butterfat mixtures (MI Cheese (MI) Casein & mixtures (MI) Other dairy prods (NA) Fats, oils, & greases (MI) Hides & skins (NA) Sheep & lamb skins (MI) Other hides & skins (NA) Furskins (NA) Wool - unmfg, apparel grades (MI Sausage casings (MI) Bull semen (NA) Misc animal prods (NA) Grains & feeds (MI) Corn, unmilled (MI) Oats, unmilled (MI) Barley, unmilled (MI) Barley, unmilled (MI) Fruits - fr or froz (MI) Fruits & preps (MI) Fruits - fresh (MI) Citrus, fresh (MI) Citrus fresh (MI) Ci	1,929 1,305 8 8 599 144 644 429 382 47 185 117 69 10 6 11 12 2 8 10 22 81 10 22 81 10 21 654 169 81 95 78 1,338 138 3138 3138 3139 154 169 10 180 1,332 1,038 138 3138 3139 154 169 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	2,089 1,520 7 549 12 664 445 407 138 187 128 59 13 9 1 1 9 1 2 - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	398 101, 359 100, 359 100, 359 100, 359 100, 359 100, 359 100, 359 100, 375 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 372 110, 373	7,5,540 675,494 59,068 1,682,616 1,095,672 133,964 286,725 25,134 155,636 26,390 61,636 26,390 61,636 89,523 34,0508 440,508 233,331 153,572 10,634 8	   	321 9 855 5 211 1 1 0 1 2015 2 1 31 731695112 14708617439752999904040	330 231 986 557 289 1996 557 289 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10	91,231 3,287 9,317 9,318 9,318 9,317 12,753 13,528 13,528 13,528 13,416 13,416 13,416 13,416 14,416 14,713 165,682 17,576 17,576 18	2017052 201705

		October-	April		April			
Commodity and unit	Thousand	units	Thousand	dollars	Thousand	units	Thousand	dollars
	1989/90	1990/91	1989/90	1990/91	1990	1991	1990	1991
Vegetables & preps (NA) Vegetables - fr or froz (MI) Tomatoes (MI) Asparagus (MI) Beans (MT) Carrots (MT) Carrots (MT) Eggplant (MT) Garlic (MT) Lettuce (MT) Onions (MT) Peas, incl chickpeas (MT) Peppers (MT) Potatoes (MT) Squash (MT) Olives - prep or pres (MT) Mushrooms, canned (MT) Artichokes - prep (MT) Artichokes - prep (MT) Asparagus - prep (MT) Asparagus - prep (MT) Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (Waterchestnuts (MT) Beans & peas, dried (MT) Other vegetables-prep/pres (NA) Sugar - cane & beet (MI) Molasses (HL) Confectionery prods (MI) Other sugar & related prods (MI) Spices (MT) Tobacco - filler (MT) Tobacco - filler (MT) Tobacco - filler (MT) Tobacco - filler (MT) Other beverages (HL) Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) Flaxseed (MT) Sesameseed (MT) Castor oil (MT) Olise das & oilnuts (MT) Olise & waxes-vegetable (MT) Castor oil (MT) Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT) Other vegetable oils (MT) Other vegetable oils (MT) Other vegetable oils (MT) Other vegetable oils (MT) Other vegetable prods (MT) Seeds - field & garden (MT) Cotton linters (MT) Seeds - field & garden (MT) Cotton linters (MT) Fish (MT) Fish fresh or prep (MT) Shellfish (MT) Fish fresh or prep (MT) Shellfish (MT) Fish prods, other (MT) Ag chemicals (MT) Fish prods, other (MT) Fish prods, other (MT) Ag chemicals (MT) Fish prods, other (MT) Farm machinery (NA) Tractors & self-prop mach (NO) Other ag mach & parts (NA) Tobacco - mfg (NA)	1,438 315 15 18 46 174 13 10 11 140 29 108 185 73 302 42 26 7 8 1 81 20 31		1,615,020 ,994,038 360,773 23,612 20,5393 69,1533 116,378 116,378 116,378 116,378 116,927 620,983 866,025 33,683 114,678 76,989 15,588 16,881 308,776 680,481 102,177 68,981 15,385 293,123 1,464,644 102,177 68,981 15,385 293,123 1,123 1,048,682 443,447 30,385 293,123 1,123 1,048,682 453,447 30,385 293,123 1,048,682 453,447 30,385 293,123 1,048,682 453,487 407,081 202,483 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 115,916 116,881 116,881 117,916 1	1,402,767 781,486 185,094 29,252 12,326 68,243 11,751 9,212 75,904 88,143 275,904 88,143 48,527 33,538 48,527 150,483 160,281 160,281 160,281 160,281 160,281 160,481	20 0 2 34   3  1,994	234 599 114 122 200 502 938 39 451 100 1533 1,208 133 1,208 133 1,208 101 101 101 101 101 101 103 103	176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 176, 2237 177, 2363 177, 2	231, 927 142, 511 50, 189 1, 161 1, 622 1, 112 7, 161 1, 622 1, 113 2, 625 1, 6

<sup>1/</sup> Excludes quantity data on anhydrous ammonia in 1989/90. All other statistics are preliminary. NA = Not available. Zeroes in quantity columns represent none or less than 500 units.

Table 3--U.S. agricultural trade summary (\$ Million)

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Item	Feb	Mar	Apr	Year to date	Chg. fm. prev. yr.
					Percent
Agricultural exports Imports (c.i.f.) Imports (Customs val.)	3,492 2,005 1,869	3,636 2,144 1,962	3,146 2,144 2,074	23,238 14,524 13,470	-8.0 -3.0 -0.2
Trade Balance: Exports minus cif imports Exports minus Customs	1,487	1,492	1,002	8,714	-15.2
valued imports	1,623	1,674	1,072	9,768	-16.9

Table 4-- U.S. agricultural export forecast, FY 1991

Preliminary data.

(f)=forecast.

Commodity group	Fiscal 1990	Fiscal 1991 (f)	Percent Change
Total Wheat and flour Rice Coarse grains Corn Soybeans Animal products Horticultural produc Cotton and linters Tobacco, unmfg	40.1 4.4 0.8 8.0 6.9 3.9 6.3	Billion dollars 37.0 3.1 0.8 5.7 4.9 3.4 6.4 5.7 3.0	-7.7 -29.5 0 -28.8 -29.0 -12.8 2.0 9.6 11.1
Total Wheat and flour Rice Coarse grains Corn Soybeans Animal products Horticultural produc Cotton and linters Tobacco, unmfg	148.7 29.0 2.5 69.0 59.9 17.2 2.5 4.6 1.7	Million metric tons 129.0 28.5 2.4 52.0 44.3 14.7 2.3 5.0 1.8 0.2	-13.2 -1.6 -4.0 -24.6 -26.0 -14.5 -8.2 8.7 5.9

Table 5--U.S. agricultural exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Feb	Mar	Apr	Year to date	Change from prev. year
Total Live animals Meat & preps Dairy prod & eggs Animal fats Hides & skins Wheat Rice Corn Other feed grains Animal feeds Soybeans Vegetable oils Horticult. prods. Cotton & linters Tobacco, unmfg.	3,492 38 325 32 28 132 236 68 510 75 276 412 52 574 362 99	3,636 40 293 32 39 124 288 64 530 90 272 408 54 608 388 129	3,146 35 275 37 45 122 242 51 411 411 90 245 263 70 583 257 150	23, 238 391 2,052 217 238 900 1,636 2,979 2,979 1,767 2,378 398 4,321 2,064	Percent -8.0 30.4 17.4 -13.2 -12.7 -15.4 -37.2 -19.1 -32.0 -18.2 -3.3 -22.5 -11.6 21.3 13.4 2.2

Preliminary data.

Table 6--U.S. agricultural imports (\$ Million, Customs value)

Commodity group	Feb	Mar	Apr	Year to date	Change from prev. year
Total Live animals Meat & preps. Dairy prod, eggs Grains & feeds Fruits & nuts Vegetables Vegetable oils Wine Malt beverages Coffee Cocoa Rubber, natural Sugar-cane & beet Tobacco, unmfg. Seeds, flowers	1,869 99 218 49 98 303 227 66 54 61 190 80 47 44 68 69	1,962 106 240 56 101 326 242 68 66 71 172 79 60 56 58	2,074 122 250 58 102 347 232 63 70 63 186 105 79 51 61 65	13,470 779 1,744 450 734 2,063 1,403 445 577 471 1,196 609 417 389 366 453	Percent -0.2 18.0 7.9 -16.7 5.4 -1.3 -13.1 9.3 2.2 4.0 -6.4 7.0 -0.2 -1.4 21.0 3.8

Preliminary data.

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